

Choose from these scenarios

Scenario 1:

You are a doctor who is talking to a patient's wife and her family. The patient's condition has deteriorated to the extent that active management is no longer possible. Her pain is not relieved by oral analgesia and she is refusing to eat or drink anything. The patient is clear that she does not want any more treatment, apart from pain relief. Speak to the family about implementing a DNAR order.

Scenario 2: You are a nurse who is talking to a patient who is quite upset. The patient has end-stage lung cancer and receives continuous oxygen through nasal specs. When you ask him to explain what is happening at the moment, he tells you that he is frightened that he not is going to be able to catch his breath. He also says he is unable to sleep and feels exhausted. Confirm with him that he can't sleep because of the breathlessness. Make some suggestions about positioning him in a semi-sitting position. Explain that you will bleep the doctor to ask for a mild sleeping tablet to help him sleep.